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SUBJECT: ISRAELI POSITION ON INTERIM SETTLEMENT

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1. WE ACCEPTED AN OFFER FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE (MIDDLE EAST DIVISION) TO BRIEF US ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ISRAELI APPROACH TO THE FRG OF JULY 29 (REFTEL) SO THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN COMPARE WHAT THE ISRAELIS TOLD THE FRG WITH WHAT THEY HAVE TOLD US.

2. THE APPROACH MADE BY THE CHARGE WAS CARRIED OUT IN THE FORM OF A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM ALLON TO GENSCHER. IT DETAILED THE ISRAELI POSITION ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

3. SINAI: THE NO MAN'S LAND UNDER SUPERVISION OF THE UN SHOULD BE BROADENED. IT SHOULD BE BORDERED ON BOTH SIDES WITH AREAS IN WHICH ONLY THINNED OUT MILITARY PERSONNEL WOULD BE PERMITTED. THE AREA FROM THE SUEZ CANAL TO ABU RODAIS SHOULD BE A DEMILITARIZED ZONE UNDER UN SUPERVISION AND EGYPTIAN CIVIL ADMINISTRATION, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A SMALL AREA WHERE EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED.

4. PASSES: THERE SHOULD BE AN ISRAELI ARMY PRESENCE

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ON THE EASTERN EXITS OF BOTH PASSES. THERE SHOULD BE

EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS IN THE MOUNTAINS BETWEEN THE TWO ARMIES UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF US PERSONNEL BUT MANNED BY ISRAELIS AND EGYPTIANS. THERE SHOULD ALSO BE WARNING SYSTEMS ERECTED BY THE US AT BOTH THE EASTERN AND WESTERN ENTRANCES TO THE PASSES.

5. EGYPTIAN POSITION: THE ISRAELI APPROACH DESCRIBED THE EGYPTIAN POSITION AS DISAPPOINTING. ACCORDING TO THE ISRAELIS THE EGYPTIANS WANT THEIR AND THE ISRAELI LINES MOVED EAST. EGYPT AGREES THAT EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS IN THE CANAL AREA ARE NECESSARY, BUT IT WANTS THE SYSTEMS IN THE UN ZONE AND UNDER EXCLUSIVE UN ADMINISTRATION.

6. EGYPT ALSO WANTS TWO EGYPTIAN SYSTEMS ON THE NORTHERN MEDITERRANEAN COAST AND ONE FURTHER SOUTH. EGYPT OPPOSES THE ERECTION OF TACTICAL US EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS, BUT WANTS THE EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS WHICH ARE ERECTED MANNED ONLY BY US PERSONNEL. FINALLY, EGYPT WANTS TWO COMPANIES OF EGYPTIAN TROOPS STATIONED ON THE WESTERN END OF THE MITLA PASS AND IS NOT PREPARED TO CONSIDER ZONES WITH ONLY THINNED OUT MILITARY PERSONNEL.

7. FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS: ALLON SAID THAT IF HE THOUGHT THE EGYPTIAN POSITION WERE A FINAL ONE, HE WOULD STOP

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THE NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, HE BELIEVES THAT IT IS NOT. THEREFORE, ISRAEL HAS MADE A NEW PROPOSAL CONTAINING CERTAIN TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS. HOWEVER, ISRAEL WILL INSIST ON US EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS IN THE PASSES AND MANNING OF THE SYSTEMS BY ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN PERSONNEL UNDER US SUPERVISION.

8. THE ISRAELI MESSAGE ALLEGED THAT EGYPT IS MAKING THE NEGOTIATIONS MORE DIFFICULT BY CONTINUING TO ISSUE INFLAMMATORY DECLARATIONS-WHICH HAVE ADVERSE REPERCUSSIONS ON THE DOMESTIC ISRAELI POLITICAL SITUATION; KEEPING THE EGYPTIAN ARMY ON CONTINUOUS ALERT; PROLONGING THE UN MANDATE FOR ONLY THREE MONTHS; AND PERSISTING IN ATTEMPTS TO HAVE ISRAEL EXCLUDED FROM THE UN. (THE APPROACH WAS MADE BEFORE THE VOTE IN KAMPALA.)

9. IN SPITE OF ALL THE ABOVE, ALLON STATED THAT HE WAS NOT PESSIMISTIC. HE ADDED THAT ISRAEL HAS GONE AS FAR AS IT CAN. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE US AGREES AND HAS ENDORSED THE LATEST ISRAEL PROPOSAL. HE CLAIMED THAT EGYPT'S STUBBORNNESS IS BASED ON THE BELIEF THAT IT CAN PUT PRESSURE ON INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, WHICH WILL IN TURN PUT PRESSURE ON ISRAEL.

10. THE ISRAELI APPROACH CONCLUDED WITH THE HOPE THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL SOON ADVANCE TO THE POINT WHERE THE SECRETARY CAN BEGIN ANOTHER ROUND OF SHUTTLE
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